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Philadelphia Eagles Team Up with Riverbend P-CAN Students for Earth Day Cleanup at FDR Park

Where: FDR Park Philadelphia, PA (meeting at the boat house which can be access from the entrance located at the corner of 20th and Pattison Ave)

(April 17th, 2014) – On **Tuesday, April 22nd** the Philadelphia Eagles will be teaming up with Riverbend Environmental Education Center P-CAN students to tackle habitat cleanup and planting at FDR Park. From 9:30- 10:00 AM students and Eagles staff will be sweeping, pulling weeds, clearing paths and planting. At 10:00 AM Eagles Mascot Swoop will be joining in on the cleanup and fun with the kids.

Riverbend will be bringing 15-20 students from the Stephen Girard School in South Philadelphia. The school is one of six in Philadelphia that participate in Riverbend's *Philadelphia Children Access to Nature Program* (P-CAN). The P-CAN program is intended to create positive change in the science education of the School District of Philadelphia. By Riverbend working with teachers to increase their science teaching skills they are inspiring students not only today but those in the future as well.

“We are thrilled to partner with the Philadelphia Eagles to give children from the Stephen Girard School the opportunity to give back to the community in celebration of Earth Day.” says Laurie Bachman, Riverbend Executive Director. “It’s essential for kids to know that they have the ability to make a meaningful contribution to improve their community and the environment. Through Riverbend’s Philadelphia Children Access Nature program these students are becoming inspired stewards of the natural world. Cleaning up the park gives them a chance to put this learning into action.”

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ABOUT RIVERBEND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER - Riverbend Environmental Education Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Gladwyne, PA. On thirty acres of open space, Riverbend offers a full slate of environmental education programs including school field trips, exploration camp, public programs, weekly nature classes and special events. Our 1923 Sears & Roebuck barn, the Snider Barn, houses our live animal collection, classroom space and children's library and is available for rental. # # #